

The Reader Writes

Senator Dodd's Defense

TO THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR:

I was happy to read the letter from the acting chairman of the Senate subcommittee defending itself in the case of Dr. Pauling. Mr. Dodd pointed out quite clearly in his letter that the subcommittee is not investigating Dr. Pauling, but merely using him as a tool to fight one of the greatest and most important battles this country has ever had to fight. Communism! The subcommittee obviously feels that Dr. Pauling was used as a tool of communism and they in turn want to use Dr. Pauling to fight back.

I have been observing with mounting anxiety some of the activities in Britain and in our own country against nuclear weapons. For myself I can only say that I would prefer a world without people than a world with merely puppets and dictators.

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[Editor's Note: In connection with what has come to be known as Dr. Pauling's petition for nuclear disarmament, Senator Dodd in his letter to this newspaper said: "The Subcommittee is investigating one thing and one thing only: Was there substantial Communist participation in the organization of the petition . . . Dr. Pauling . . . has been asked for the actual signatures of those who signed the petition [and] for the letters he received transmitting to him signatures or names for the petition."]

'As—One Who Signed'

TO THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR:

Senator T. J. Dodd wrote a letter in your column Oct. 14 supporting his investigation of Professor Linus Pauling.

I am writing you because I am one who signed the petition. If I remember correctly, he had obtained my address through the Society for Social Responsibility in Science to which both of us belong.

Let me say at the outset I think I understand Senator Dodd. Nevertheless, some of us violently disagree with him, among them Judge Learned Hand. His solemn words at Harvard's Law School Forum some years ago will well be remembered — that this kind of attempt to track down the last Communist, and trace every Communistic participation in admittedly lawful and democratically vital acts such as Pauling's presently argued disarmament petition, defeat our way of life. Therefore, Judge Hand prefers the risk of a few Communists going undetected to death in the country of liberty.

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